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Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral Turner:

I wanted you to see my statement on the Helms case. A copy
is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Percy
United States Senator

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STATEMENT BY SENATOR CHARLES H. PERCY

ON "NO-CONTEST" PLEA OF MR. RICHARD HELMS

WASHINGTON--- New Senate rules and procedures governing information exchanged between the Senate and members of the intelligence community diminish the likelihood of a recurrence of the circumstances that led to the "no-contest" plea in Federal Court yesterday by Mr. Richard Helms, former Director of Central Intelligence.

With the creation of the Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976, the Senate established detailed procedures for dealing with information and data that pertains to the national security. As a result of extensive hearings and consultations, the rules and procedures of this committee were formed to avoid many abuses of the past and provide more comprehensive rules for consideration of intelligence information.

At the time of Mr. Helms' contested testimony in February and March, 1973, these rules and procedures did not exist.

Therefore, I do not believe we will again see the circumstances that led Mr. Helms to believe that he had to make a choice between his commitment to the national security and his legal responsibility to fully respond to an official Congressional inquiry.

(Senator Percy served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations from its inception in 1972, and as the Subcommittee's Ranking Minority Member from January, 1976, to December, 1976, when the Subcommittee was abolished.)

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